

Memorandum of Understanding Between
South Dakota Department of Health,
Office of Health Care Facilities Licensure and Certification
South Dakota Board of Nursing
South Dakota Board of Pharmacy

1. Injectable Medications

Licensed nurses may load and label Insulin and Heparin dispensed by a pharmacist provided the following criteria are met:

- ✓ The pre-loaded Insulin or Heparin syringes are intended for residents capable of self-injection.
- ✓ The storage time for pre-loaded Insulin and Heparin syringes does not exceed the manufacturer's recommendation or seven (7) days whichever is less.
- ✓ The pre-loaded Insulin and Heparin syringes are stored in a safe and appropriate area.
- ✓ If Insulin pens are used, a licensed nurse must be available at the time of administration if the resident needs assistance in selecting the dose.
- ✓ If it is necessary to load two types of insulin in the syringe the nurse is responsible to assure that the medications are compatible.

2. Oral Medications

Licensed nurses may transfer prescribed medications from a container labeled and dispensed by a pharmacist or an over-the-counter medication to a medication planner, which is labeled by the nurse under the following condition:

- ✓ The medication planner is intended for use by a resident that has been assessed as capable of self-administration.

Glenn Damgaard, Executive Secretary 3-31-03
Signature Board of Nursing Date

Dennis M. Jones, Executive Secretary 3-31-03
Signature Board of Pharmacy Date

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Signature Department of Health Date
Office of Licensure and Certification